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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; comment request; “Patent Examiner Employment Application”

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce

Title: Patent Examiner Employment Application

OMB Control Number: 0651-0042

Form Number(s): None

Type of Request: Regular

Number of Respondents: 10,660 responses per year.

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Burden Hours: 5,330 hours.

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Needs and Uses:

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Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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